

NEWSLETTER
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COMPETITIONS AT SQUAW VALLEY

As previously announced, the Central Pacific Championships will be held at Squaw Valley Nov. 14, 15, and 16 with five of our members participating (Geoffrey Brosseau, Karen Cousineau, Debbie Jones, Charles Klug, and Marcella Weaver). In order to encourage attendance of our membership, it has been suggested that a Greyhound bus be chartered for Saturday, Nov. 16, to leave Iceland at 9:00 A.M. and return at midnight. The cost for 31 passengers is \$136.40, or \$4.40 per person. If you are interested, call Arlette Towner at once at 447-4770. The deadline to arrange for the bus is Nov. 12. This bus trip is not limited to club members--so invite your friends. Cost of lunch and dinner is in addition to transportation. There are many eating facilities at Squaw--hamburger stands, cafeteria, excellent restaurants.

There are several advantages to going by bus: A skilled driver to cope with stormy or foggy weather; also, it's fun for a large group to go together. Checks should be made payable to Capital City Figure Skating Club and mailed to Arlette Towner, 4511 Crestwood Way, Sacramento.

Note: The competition program will end late in the afternoon on Saturday, Nov. 16. There will be no evening session. The competition dinner will begin at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday. Reservations for this dinner may be made by contacting Squaw Valley directly.

DECEMBER PROGRESSIVE DINNER

O boy!! We're going to have another progressive dinner on Saturday, Dec. 14. If this second dinner is as successful as the first, held last year, it just may become an annual affair. Pat and Arlette Towner will be hosts for cocktails and appetizers at 5:30 P.M. in their south Sacramento home, the Bill Kerths will serve salad at their home in Woodlake at 8:00 P.M., and at 9:15 the main course will be served by the Brosseaus in Carmichael. You'll get dessert there too. The food will be potluck. In other words, each couple attending will be contacted in advance and asked what they would like to bring.

Be sure to save the date of Dec. 14. Our ice skating ladies are really great cooks and this dinner will be far superior to anything you could get at a restaurant.

MAILING LIST

If you move to a new address and wish to continue receiving the Newsletter, please notify our circulation manager, Mrs. Arlette Towner, 4511 Crestwood Way, 447-4770. She will see that your address is changed on the mailing list.

SATURDAY JUNIOR NEWS

Attendance at Saturday Junior sessions from 1:00 to 2:30 P.M. each week has been averaging about 40 youngsters. They range in age from 4 to 16, with the largest group in the area of 9 to 13 years of age.

At the Halloween Party which was held on Oct. 26, Mary Johnson won the prize for the prettiest costume (black and white ballerina), Mary Hackett for the funniest costume (a frog), and Kim Whitney for the ugliest costume (a really weird one which he created himself). Cupcakes for the party were furnished by Mesdames Coiner, Jansen, Johnson, and Mr. & Mrs. Roberson. Debbie Jones and Geoffrey Brosseau skated their competition programs at the party, giving the Saturday Juniors an opportunity to see how they will be able to skate some day if they practice regularly.

The adult committee in charge of the Saturday Juniors is composed of Warren Kinsey, Chairman, Dana Dawson, Midge Grosch, and Pat Towner. One of these people is present at the rink every Saturday to handle the business end of the sessions. Margot Wilcox Meunier is the talented teacher who helps the kids learn what skating is all about.

The Saturday Juniors are the CCFSC's hope for the future of skating in Sacramento. The success of this group is a principal concern of the club.

1969 ICE SHOW

As announced in the October Newsletter, there will be an ice show in 1969. We are happy that Mr. Roy Cousineau has agreed to take over the general chairmanship of the show. He will be assisted by Pauline Pack as the board of director's representative on the show committee. It will be up to Roy to appoint committee chairmen. All club members should be planning right now how they can help to put on a show even better than the one presented in 1968.

MEMBERSHIP

As the Newsletter goes to press there are 73 people who have paid their dues for the current club year (9/1/68 through 8/31/69). Pauline Pack, membership chairman, is sending out "reminder" notices to last year's members who have not yet joined this year. People who skate patches, those who plan to participate in the next ice show, and those who wish to take part in competitions must be club members. Dues become delinquent on Dec. 1, at which time a \$5.00 penalty will be added. A word to the wise is sufficient--**PAY YOUR DUES NOW!**

Three brand new members are KIMBERLY CHAN, WILLIAM J. TOWNER III, and LYNNE DIEDERICKS--all junior skaters. We welcome them.

INTRACLUB COMPETITIONS

Nola Joy Ditmanson and Julie Jones are the most advance planners we have ever seen. The intracub competition will not take place until March 15, 1969, but they have already set up all the committees and have lined up categories for the skaters who will participate. These eager beavers have appointed the following people to assist with the event:

Referee - William K. Munns, Walnut Creek
Timekeeper - Pat Towner
Awards - Doris Cousineau
Announcer - Howard Gambill
Advisory Chairman - Marge Schleh
Program - Helen and Paul Millar
Typists - Arlette Towner and Dana Dawson
Marshalls - Elaine Brosseau & Marjorie White
Receptionists & Registrars - Dana Dawson, Carolyn Larsen, and Jane Strom
Chairman of Runners - Linda Manning
Judges' Luncheon - Helen Millar & Helen Wyatt
Competition Dinner - Gail Sutton
Music - Roy Cousineau
Name Tags - Doris Gambill
Coffee Shop Food - Pat Kennedy
Accountant - Joy James
Judges will be announced later.

There will be more--much more--news on this intracub competition in future issues of the Newsletter.

DID YOU KNOW that the Capital City Figure Skating Club has two honorary members? These wonderful people are Mr. Marion Murphy, better known as "Murph," who now resides in Eureka, Calif., and Mrs. Eva Kerth Brandt, known to all and sundry as just plain "Eva."

Murph was instrumental in the formation of our Saturday Junior skating group. For many years he was present at the rink every Saturday to collect money, pass out membership blanks, give information, and generally assist the Saturday Junior sessions. He didn't actually teach the kids to skate--but he did everything else. The youngsters all knew and loved Murph.

Eva Kerth Brandt, the lady whose smiling face often greets us at Iceland's boxoffice, was the first secretary of the club. Since that time she has been a guiding light in the organization, many of its best social activities have been held at her beautiful Woodlake home, and many ice shows have benefited from her efficient handling of the boxoffice and ticket sales. She has also skated in many of the shows--once coming all the way from Texas to join the skating cast.

These two great people have helped the CCFSC to function successfully over the years. Our thanks go out to them along with our guarantee that they will be our most honored members always.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held at the home of Helen Wyatt, 578 Garden Street, North Sacramento, at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, November 18.

FIGURE TESTS

Anyone interested in taking figure tests should sign up on the sheet provided on the club bulletin board. A figure test date will be scheduled in the near future if enough people are interested. Questions may be referred to Marge Schleh, 442-3767.

LETTER FROM NANCY

It's not every day that the editor of the Newsletter receives a message from Saudi Arabia. As you may have guessed, it was from Nancy Ackerman, director of our successful 1968 show. (Robbie Kerth has already confiscated the stamps.) Excerpts from her letter, dated Oct. 15, 1968, are as follows:

"It was a great day over here when a friend from Walnut Creek forwarded an issue of your Newsletter to me in Jeddah. Reading it through brought back a flood of memories and a longing to be in an ice rink again.

"Jamie and Scott are with us now and going to a Saudi school. They are picking up Arabic rapidly, but writing and reading really throws them. The script is difficult to learn. It looks like chicken scratching but they are slowly making progress. Both children are 'demoted' to first grade in order to learn from the beginning. At home I tutor them in their respective California grades. Their schedule includes 2 hours a day of private tutoring in Arabic. I gave up trying to learn because the way I hear it, it comes out Chinese. The important thing is that we are enjoying life over here and absorbing so much of the Saudi culture and customs."

Nancy would like to hear from her friends at Iceland. She suggested that some of the girls might like to get together and write her a round-robin letter. Her address is: Mrs. Robert Ackerman, Commercial Business Establishment (Transportation Services), P. O. Box 2262, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Also Nancy says she doesn't have a single picture of the show. If any club members have a print or two that they can spare, please leave them with Eva at the boxoffice and they will be sent on to Nancy.

NEW CURTAIN FOR NEXT SHOW

Jeanne Kerth is investigating the possibility of a new curtain for our next show. The material is 10 feet wide, is a homespun type, opaque, and shrink-proof. It ranges in price from \$2 to \$4 per yard, depending on quality, and will require about 80 yards for the lower portion of the curtain. It may be possible to use the upper half of the old curtain if some method of dyeing it can be devised.

Jeanne will bring swatches of material to the next board meeting. Thanks, Jeanne, for all this work you are doing for us.

BEAUTIFICATION OF PROPERTY

Bill Kerth is donating paint to the Ice Hockey Club in order that they may enhance the appearance of their dressing room across the alley from the rink. Bill has enough paint to donate an equal amount to CCFSC members so that they may decorate our quarters which adjoin the hockey club building. Who will volunteer for a work party to slap on a little paint? If interested, call J. Henry Fredricks at 487-3374.

NEWS OF THIS AND THAT

BOB SCHLEH left Sacto, on 10/26/68 for Air Force Reserve duty in Japan.

Our busy BOARD OF DIRECTORS spent another evening revising CCFSC by-laws on Nov. 4th at LIZ FRASER'S home.

The NATIONAL FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS will be held in Seattle, Wash., from Jan. 29 through Feb. 1. MARGE SCHLEH has a schedule of events.

At its October meeting the BOARD voted to pay an assessment of \$10 to the CENTRAL CALIF. INTER CLUB ASSN. as our contribution toward that organization's expenses.

Watch the SACRAMENTO BEE for pictures of our competitors who will participate in the Central Pacific Championships in Squaw Valley Nov. 14-16.

MARGOT WILCOX MEUNIER is investigating Alpha, Beta, and Gamma tests for our Saturday Junior skaters. Don't worry, kids--they're not dangerous.

MR. & MRS. WARREN KINSEY have moved into a beautiful new home in Davis which they designed themselves.

DR. & MRS. JONES, parents of our DEBBIE, spent time in Miami, New York, and Connecticut in October. Did Debbie go along? No--she stayed with a baby sitter (or should we say "young lady sitter") also named Jones.

The ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY, held at the rink on Oct. 26, was a real blast. ARLETTE TOWNER and ALDEN BROUSSEAU won prizes for the best costumes. Arlette came dressed as "Bonnie" of Bonnie and Clyde fame. Alden was a rip-snorting cowboy.

NOLA JOY DITMANSON and MARGE SCHLEH received invitations to attend the dinner honoring Central Pacific judges and officials to be held at Olympic Village Hotel at Squaw on Nov. 13.

MORE THIS AND THAT

This fall the avocado tree in the WYATTS' backyard went berserk and produced over 70 delicious avocados. If JACK & HELEN look a little plumper than usual these days, you will know why.

SOUND MOVIE PROJECTORS cost so much money that the Board of Directors decided to rent this equipment when needed for club events.

CARMELITA EDMISTEN and daughter, MONIQUE, have been off the ice for some time because of a losing battle with a virus.

FRANCINE KOLL has been busily practicing her freestyle--on stilt skates!

Born to DIANE and ALLAN DESIN a daughter, LINDA DIANE, on Oct. 8 (7 lbs., 2 oz.) Linda has two older brothers.

Newlyweds, LINDA and STAN MANTIPLY, are back on the blades. Stan is now out of the service and working at two jobs.

Another long-time-no-see skater, DAYLE DAVIS, has taken to the ice again.

MARJORIE WHITE seen paying off a dance test bet with BOB MARTIN. Ask Marjie for more details.

Around Thanksgiving ROBIN BURKE will be leaving us for four months--headed for the mysterious middle east.

JANE STROM is busily cleaning house in preparation for a visit by her parents from Seattle.

MELISSA GROSCH'S mother, MIDGE, is becoming quite a skating enthusiast herself.

J. HENRY FREDRICKS seen introducing his small granddaughter to the ice at Saturday Junior session.

MARGOT WILCOX MEUNIER is anxiously awaiting her new arrival! -- a brand new Porche directly from Germany.

LA VERNE STAHLMAN has been turning out one attractive skating dress after another.

CLARA WALTON is in there pitching again (skating, we mean) having recovered from her recent accident.

On Oct. 27 our pres., J. HENRY, trial judged figure tests at Walnut Creek.

GERTRUDE (COOPER) DUNN and husband, BILL, are in Florida (his former home) arranging to rent or sell his house there.

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